GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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RESTRUCTURING I.T. DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to restructure Income Tax Department;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of posts likely to be surrendered; and

(c) the actions taken to streamline the appellate bodies to look into the grievances of the tax payers?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Gingee N. Ramachandran)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The approval accorded by the Government for restructuring of the Income Tax Department envisages abolition of 2752 posts at the staff level without retrenching any serving staff or officer. The restructuring has been approved with a view to facilitate absorption of information technology, providing improved services to the tax payers and enhancement of revenue.

(c) Any grievance caused to the tax payers in the course of the implementation of tax laws is redressed through the first appellate authority known as Commissioner (Appeals). The proposed restructuring of the Income Tax Department contemplates considerable reduction in the period of disposal of appeals and for this purpose, the number of Commissioner(Appeals) are being increased.